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all day as to which is best for the children both for and against this but as far as the administrators being in this bill, it doesn't seem like when an administrator chooses to ordinarily leave the teaching profession and go into administration, he chooses to go into a situation where he is getting usually from two to two and a half to three times more money than he was getting as a teacher and a part of his job as being hired by the school board is to handle the negotiations and it seems like if he is put in with them, he is in the wrong field. Secondly, I think the administrators have a bill, if not in yet, they are working on it, whether they will get it in this session or not, I don't know, of their own whereby they will take care of themselves and I just can't go along with anything other than going along with the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Dworak's motion. We made that decision several days ago and I can't understand our integrity when we come back again and we feel no mercy for those men who are on the firing line every day protecting both the rights of boards and the rights of teachers and the rights of constituents and students and to Mr. Nichol I would say, I'd like to see the superintendent in a lot of the schools today making two and a half, three times more than that teacher. I'd like to have that information and thirdly, I would bring to your attention that just this last week out in the western part of the state, a school board went into executive session, came out, dismissed that superintendent without any reason or any cause, and I have known this gentleman for eight years and I've known the job that he does. I think it is a shame that we would do this this morning. I oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Dworak, do you care to close.

SENATOR DWORAK: Just to restate in closing, I feel that superintendents are a different category, a different classification than teachers. They are management. They are more on the line of an employer as opposed to an employee. Number two, they do have more risk but they are compensated for it. I don't think anybody will deny that superintendents are compensated in a greater degree than teachers. Number three, I wouldn't think the superintendents now being classed-- if we would classify them equally with teachers, would want to give up their right to negotiate three year contracts, multi-year contracts opposed to just one-year contract. I don't think they are prepared to do this. I think it would be to their disadvantage and I would urge the passage of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The question is, shall LB 82 be returned back to Select File for this specific amendment. It will take 25 votes, a machine vote. Have you all voted? Mr. Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I would like to ask for a Call of the House, please.

SPEAKER: Do I see five hands?

SENATOR DWORAK: No, we got it. We got it. Mr. President, I withdraw that motion.

SPEAKER: Thank you, sir. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.